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NOTICE OF QME COMPETENCY EXAMINATION OCTOBER 16, 2004

The Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC) will administer the next Qualified Medical Evaluator (QME) Competency Examination on <u>Saturday</u>, <u>October 16</u>, <u>2004</u>. On January 1, 2004, the Administrative Director of the Division of Workers' Compensation assumed the responsibility for the administration of the Qualified Medical Evaluator examination. The Administrative Director will update the attached forms in the future to reflect recent changes in the law.

Physicians who wish to take the exam on October 16, 2004, must submit a completed original Application for Appointment as Qualified Medical Evaluator (IMC Form 100, Rev.7/01) and Registration for QME Competency Examination (IMC Form 102, Rev.7/01). The Application for Appointment as QME and all required documentation must be reviewed and approved by the DWC before a physician can be registered for the exam, (IMC Regs. 10 & 11). The application must be **postmarked by September 16, 2004**, in order to qualify for this exam. Qualified registrants will receive by mail a confirmation letter along with a Candidate Information Booklet. Please keep a copy for your records. The DWC is not responsible for late or lost applications.

All physicians are required to pay a nonrefundable \$125.00 fee to sit for any upcoming QME examination. (DWC Reg. § 11(f)(2)) Before appointment as QME, the physician shall complete a course in disability evaluation report writing, approved by the Administrative Director. (Labor Code § 139.2)

(NOTE: Only physicians who were <u>registered</u> for the past QME exam on September 20, 2003, and who retake the exam in October 2004, may submit their registration without the Application form since their Application is already on file. The DWC may, however, request current status of expired documentation, i.e., expired license, etc.)

The DWC will assess your annual QME fee after you have successfully passed the QME Competency Exam in order to activate your QME status.

Please call Joanne Van Raam or Gladys Maerina at (650) 737-2700 for additional application forms or for further assistance.

Division of Workers' Compensation Medical Unit (Enclosures)

August 2004

For Use on the QME Application Form

IMPORTANT: PLEASE USE THREE LETTER SPECIALTY CODE WHEN COMPLETING BLOCK 8 OF APPLICATION FORM

MD/DO SPECIALTY CODES

MPT Toxicology - Occupational Medicine MET Toxicology - Emergency Medicine

MUU Urology

	MD/DO SPECIALTY CODES			
MAI	Allergy and Immunology	NON-MD/DO SPECIALTY CODES		
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	Hand - Surgery	OPT	Optometry	
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	Nuclear Medicine			
	Obstetrics and Gynecology			
	Occupational Medicine			
	Ophthalmology			
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	Otolaryngology			
	Pain Management - Anesthesiology			
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MHA	Pathology			
MEP	Pediatrics			
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	Plastic Surgery			
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Attachment to Form 100 (Rev. 7.01-A)



APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT AS QUALIFIED MEDICAL EVALUATOR

For the Department of Industrial Relations Industrial Medical Council P. O. Box 8888 San Francisco, CA 94128-8888 FOR IMC USE ONLY QME NO.: INPUT DATE: INPUT BY:

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1) I am certified in California workers compensation evaluation by either a California professional chiropractic association or an accredited California college recognized by the Council. (i.e. IDE Certificate (min. 44 hrs. eff. $4/15/99$).		
2) I have completed a chiropractic postgraduate specialty program of a minimum of 300 hours taught by a school or college recognized by the council, the Board of Chiropractic Examiners and the Council on Chiropractic Education.		
PROCEED TO BLOCK 7 SUBMIT DOCUMENTATION		
BLOCK 5 (FOR Ph.Ds, Psy.Ds AND Ed.Ds ONLY) NOTE: APPLICANT MUST MEET ONE OF THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS	Yes	No
1) I am board certified in clinical psychology by the American Board of Professional Psychology, Inc.		
2) I have a doctoral degree in psychology, or a doctoral degree deemed equivalent for licensure by the Board of Psychology, from a university or professional school recognized by the Industrial Medical Council and have not less than five years postdoctoral experience in the diagnosis and treatment of emotional and mental disorders.		
3) I have not less than five years postdoctoral experience in the diagnosis and treatment of emotional and mental disorders and I have served as and (Agreed Medical Evaluator) AME or eight or more occasions prior to January 1, 1990. (Please provide documentation of 8 AMEs, i.e. AME cover letters, first page of the reports, or a sworn statement made under penalty of perjury).		
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BLOCK 6 (FOR MDs AND DOs ONLY) NOTE: APPLICANT MUST MEET ONE OF THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS	Yes	No
1) I am board certified in the specialty for which I am applying to become a QME by a board recognized by the Council and the Medical Board of California or the Osteopathic Medical Board of California.		
2) I completed postgraduate training in the specialty at an institution recognized by the ACGME or the American Osteopathic Association.		
3) I have qualifications that the Council and the Medical Board of California or the Osteopathic Medical Board of California both deem to be equivalent to board certification in a specialty. (Please submit documentation from the Medical Board).		

PROCEED TO BLOCK 7

SUBMIT DOCUMENTATION

BLOCK 7 (FOR ALL APPLICANTS)					
NOTE: APPLICANT MUST MEET ONE OF THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS TRUE FALSE					
1) I devote at least one-third of my total practice time to providing direct medical treatment (Direct Medical Treatment is that special phase of the health care provider-patient relationship which (1) attempts to clinically diagnose and alter or modify the expression of a non-industrial illness, injury or pathological condition; or (2) attempts to cure or relieve the effects of an industrial injury.)					
2) I have served as an Agreed Medical Evaluator (AME) on eight (8) or more occasions in the 12					
months prior to submitting this application. (Submit documentation of 8 AMEs, i.e. AME cover letters, first page of reports or a sworn statement made under penalty of perjury.) **PROCEED TO BLOCK 8**					
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BLOCK 8 (FOR ALL APPLICANTS) PLEASE INDICATE SPECIALTY(IES) FOR WHICH YOU ARE APPLYING TO DO QME EXAMS (USE E SPECIALTY CODE LIST)	NCLOSED				
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Reminder: For MDs & DOs, a copy of your Board Certification or documentation of completion of a training program accredited by the American College of Graduate Medical Education or the American Osteopathic Association must be submitted. For DCs, a certificate from postgraduate specialty diplomate program must be submitted for each specialty.					
PROCEED TO BLOCK 9					
BLOCK 9 (FOR ALL APPLICANTS, IF COMPLETED) I have completed a disability evaluation report writing course approved by the IMC.					
Course: Date of Course:					
PROCEED TO BLOCK 10					
BLOCK 10 (FOR ALL APPLICANTS)					
AFFIRMATIONS: Initialling each box affirms that you have read and agree to each of the statements.	INITIAL EACH BOX				
License Status A. My license to practice medicine is active and is neither restricted nor encumbered by suspension, interim suspension or probation. I certify that I have not been convicted of either a misdemeanor or felony related to my practice or a crime of moral turpitude.					
B. I agree to notify the Industrial Medical Council if my license to practice medicine is placed on suspension, interim suspension, probation or is restricted to notify by my licensing agency. I further agree the Industrial Medical Council if I am convicted of a misdemeanor or felony related to my practice or a crime of moral turpitude. (Do not initial if your statement is untrue, attach an explanation on a seperate piece of paper.) I understand that the IMC may deny my application or conditionally accept my application if my license is on probation with my licensing authority.					
Financial Interest C. I agree that I shall abide by all IMC regulations. I will not refer patients to facilities in which I or my family members have a financial interest, except as permitted by law. I agree I shall not offer, deliver, receive or accept any rebate, refund, commission, preference, patronage, dividend, discount or other consideration, whether in the form of money or otherwise, as compensation or inducement for any referred evaluation or consultation. I agree not to solicit to provide medical treatment to an injured employee for any injury for which I have done a QME evaluation. I have not performed a QME evaluation prior to appointment as a QME by the IMC.					

Cont'd of BLOCK 10 (FOR ALL APPLICANTS)

Verification

I have used all reasonable diligence in preparing and completing this application. I have reviewed this completed application and to the best of my knowledge the information contained herein and in the attached supporting documentation is true, correct and complete. Failure to provide truthful information shall result in denial of applicants appointment and/or disciplinary action. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

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Executed on	(MM/DD/YY)	at	County	CA	Applicant's Signature

IMPORTANT: Your application for appointment as a QME shall be returned if it is incomplete. Please check:

- 1) That your application is fully completed, dated and signed with an original signature. We will not accept faxed applications. Please also submit statement of citizenship form.
- 2) All necessary documentation is attached:
 - a) All applicants A Copy of your current California Professional License.
 - b) MDs, DOs A copy of your board certification or certificate(s) of completion of a residency training program accredited by the American College of Graduate Medical Education or the American Osteopathic Association. Please provide for all specialties in which you are requesting appointment to perform QME exams.
 - c) DCs A copy of your certificate in California Workers' Compensation Evaluation or a copy of your certificate from post-graduate specialty diplomate program. For DC specialties other than DCH (e.g. DCR) a copy of your certificate of completion of 300 hours from postgraduate specialty diplomate program is require.
 - d) Ph.D, Psy.D and Ed.D- A copy of your professional diploma(s). Copy of board certification, if appropriate.
 - e) ALL OTHERS A copy of your professional diploma(s).
 - f) A copy of completion certificate from the report writing course required by Title 8 CCR §11.5, if completed.

This document must be submitted prior to obtaining your appointment as a QME.

A PUBLIC DOCUMENT

PRIVACY NOTICE - The Information Practices Act of 1977 and the Federal Privacy Act require the Industrial Medical Council (IMC) to provide the following notice to individuals who are asked by a governmental entity to supply information for appointment as a Qualified Medical Evaluator (QME).

The principal purpose for requesting information from QMEs is to administer the QME program within the California workers' compensation system. Additional information may be requested if your application is denied and/or a disciplinary action is taken.

The California Labor Code requires every QME physician to meet certain statutory requirements. Physicians are required by the Labor Code to provide: name; business address/addresses; professional education; training; license number; year entered practice and other requirements deemed necessary by the IMC. It is mandatory to furnish all the appropriate information requested by the IMC. Failure to provide all of the requested information may result in the denial of the application.

As authorized by law, information furnished on this form may be given to: you, upon request; the public, pursuant to the Public Records Act; a governmental entity, when required by state or federal law; to any person, pursuant to a subpoena or court order or pursuant to any other exception in Civil Code § 1798.24.

An individual has a right of access to records containing his/her personal information that are maintained by the IMC. An individual may also amend, correct, or dispute information in such personal records (Civil Code § 1798.34-1798.37).

Requests should be sent to:

Industrial Medical Council
P.O. Box 8888
San Francisco, CA 94128-8888
Tol: (650) 737 2700: FAX: (650) 737 2711: F

Tel: (650) 737-2700; FAX: (650) 737-2711; E-mail: www.dir.ca.gov

You may request a copy of the IMC policy and procedures for inspection of records at the above address. Copies of the procedures and all records are ten cents (\$0.10) per page, payable in advance. (Civil Code § 1798.33).

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DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS DIVISION OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION

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REGISTRATION FOR **QME COMPETENCY EXAMINATION** OCTOBER 16, 2004

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS REGISTRATION FORM AND RETURN POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 16, 2004. THE DIVISION OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION (DWC) IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR LATE OR LOST APPLICATIONS. PLEASE SEND YOUR REGISTRATION AND APPLICATION FORMS TO:

DIVISION OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION - ATTN: EXAM UNIT

STREET ADDRESS FOR EXPRESS DELIVERY:

395 OYSTER POINT BLVD., SUITE 102

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94080

NAME: ______ JR./SR. ADDRESS: (street address) __ (city)______, CA (ZIP)____(+4)____ PHONE NUMBER.: (_____) ___ - ____ FAX NUMBER: (_____) ___ - ____ PHYSICIAN'S LICENSE NUMBER: _____ - ___ EMAIL: _____ EXAM DATE & TIME: **OCTOBER 16, 2004** Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. Examination begins at approximately 10:00 a.m. PREFERRED EXAM LOCATION: (TEST SITE WILL BE INDICATED ON YOUR CONFIRMATION LETTER FROM DWC) □ Northern California □ Southern California DO YOU HAVE ANY NEED FOR SPECIAL TESTING ARRANGEMENTS DUE TO A DISABILITY OR **RELIGIOUS CONFLICT?** Yes (Please see the Special Administration Procedures at the back of this page.) **AFFIRMATIONS and VERIFICATION** I have used all reasonable diligence in preparing and completing this application. I have reviewed this completed application and to the best of my knowledge the information contained herein and in the attached supporting documentation is true, correct and complete. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct. I understand that I must keep my license to practice active and that it currently is active. I certify that I am not currently on probation with my licensing board nor on any court-ordered probation. I certify I will notify the DWC of any of the following events: a) change in my license status; b) any past or future conviction related to the conduct of my practice or for any crime of morel turpitude; and c) upon being placed on probation by my licensing board or by any court-ordered probation. I certify that all the information and supporting documentation which I have previously submitted to the IMC/DWC with earlier QME application(s) is bona fide, true and correct. Executed on: ____at ____ County & State Applicant's Signature

REGISTERING FOR SPECIAL ADMINISTRATION PROCEDURES

Examinee with a Disabling Condition or Religious Conflict

Special administration arrangements can be provided for examinees, who due to a disability or religious conflict, would not be able to take the test under standard conditions. Requests for special arrangements must be made by the REGULAR REGISTRATION DEADLINE. It may not be possible to honor requests for special testing arrangements received after the regular registration deadline.

Individuals whose religious convictions prohibit them from taking tests on Saturdays or religious holidays may request a special test administration

All of the following must be submitted if special arrangements are needed due to a disability:

- a letter from you describing the condition and the specific special arrangements requested; AND
- a completed registration form.

YOUR PROFESSIONAL LICENSE NUMBER AND TELEPHONE NUMBER MUST APPEAR ON ALL CORRESPONDENCE.

If you need special facilities (e.g., wheelchair accessible building or restrooms), please notify by letter, Cooperative Personnel Services (CPS) at 241 Lathrop Way, Sacramento, CA 95815. In this case, it is not necessary to submit any medical documentation.

Special arrangements for the following conditions can be accommodated at ALL test sites:

- special seating (e.g., due to pregnancy)
- wheelchair accessible facilities
- use of magnifying devices or large-print tests (e.g., for those with visual impairments).

Arrangements that require SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES IN TESTING CONDITIONS may be accommodated only at selected test sites. If it is necessary to relocate you to accommodate any other type of request, you will be contacted directly to discuss the arrangement.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS **DIVISION OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION**

P. O. Box 8888

San Francisco, CA 94080

Tel. No.: (650) 737-2700 Fax No.: (650) 737-2637



January 2004

12 HOUR REPORT WRITING COURSE PROVIDERS

This letter is to inform you of an important change to the requirements for becoming a Qualified Medical Evaluator, (QME). Effective January 1, 2001, "A physician seeking appointment as a QME on or after January 1, 2001, shall also complete prior to appointment, a 12 hour course on Disability Evaluation Report Writing approved by the DWC", (LC§139.2).

The following are the providers approved by the Division of Workers' Compensation:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	PHONE NUMBER
James Platto,DC/Dennis Sosine,DC	Southern California	209-966-5652
Dennis Sosine,DC/James Platto,DC	Northern California	925-676-9245
Dana Livingstone-Lopez	Southern/Northern CA	760-944-6769
Ca Chiropractic Assoc/CSIMS	Southern/Northern CA	916-648-2727
Fred Lerner, DC Lerner Education	Southern California	800-838-8584
Dean Falltrick, DC	Southern/Northern CA	530-269-1128

These are the only report writing course providers approved at this time. You must attend a report writing course prior to being appointed as a QME, but are **not** required to take the course prior to the QME examination, unless you wish to.

If you have any further questions I can be reached at 1-800-794-6900, ext. 2004 or directly at 650-737-2004. Thank you for your interest in the Qualified Medical Evaluator program.

Sincerely,
Joanne Van Raam
QME Exam Coordinator
Division of Workers' Compensation



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SUGGESTED REFERENCES(For Physicians planning to take the QME Examination)

<u>Physician's Guide to Medical Practice in the California Workers' Compensation System</u>, An IMC publication, Winter 2001, 3rd edition. (Available from the DWC/Manual Order, P O Box 8888, San Francisco, CA 94128; \$15.00). Also available through the Internet at www.dir.ca.gov/imc/toc.pdt.

<u>Provisions of the California Code of Regulations; Title 8, Industrial Relations, DWC Regulations</u> are part of the study material for the QME examination. You may obtain a copy by calling the DWC at 1-800-794-6900 or 650-737-2767, 2768 or 2769. (A copy is also included with the purchase of The Physician's Guide to Medical Practice listed above).

Herlick, SD. <u>The California Workers' Compensation Handbook (24th Edition)</u>. Available Dec. 2003 from Matthew Bender & Co., Inc., (To order: 1-800-223-1940 approximately \$108.00, product #80283-16).

Workers' Compensation Laws of California. 2004 ed. Matthew Bender & Co., Inc., (To place an order: 1-800-223-1940; approximately \$55.00, product # 840). Especially sections: 139.2, 139.3, 139.31, 4060, 4061, 4062, 4600, 4628. Contains 2003 Labor Code and Provisions of the California Code of Regulations, Title & Industrial Relations (IMC Regulations). (Also available through the internet at www.dir.ca.gov, click on left hand side on California Labor Code).

Thurber, P. <u>Evaluation of Industrial Disability</u>, 2nd ed. Oxford University Press, 1960 (Available from UCSF Bookstore, 500 Parnassus Ave., San Francisco, CA 94143. To place an order: 1-800-846-2144; \$24.95).

SB899-effective 4/19/04, SB749, AB228. The bills are located at www.leginfo.ca.gov

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